

**National African American Read-In**

**Sponsored by the Black Caucus of NCTE/4Cs**

**Supplemental List for Young Children**

**Recommended by Black Caucus Members  
Compiled by Sandra E. Gibbs**

The following list contains selected works for young children recommended by Black Caucus members. This is a starter list and not intended to be all inclusive. In addition to this list, we recommend the following resource for a list of books: *Black Issues Book Review*.

**AUTHOR**

**TITLE**

Barnwell, Ysaye M.	<i>No Mirrors in My Nana's House</i> , Harcourt Brace & Co., 1998.
Belton, Sandra	<i>McKendree</i> , Greenwillow Books, 2000. Fiction
Bishop, Rudine Sims	<i>Wonders: The Best Children's Poems of Effie Lee Newsome</i> , Boyds Mills Press, 1999. [Ages 4-8]
Blake-Garrett, Andrea	<i>The Adventures of Izzy &amp; JuJu: Twin Detective Investigators (T.D.I.): The Case of the Missing Egg!</i> , AuthorHouse, 2012.  <i>The Adventures of Izzy &amp; JuJu: Twin Detective Investigators (T.D.I.): The Case of the Missing Flowers</i> , AuthorHouse, 2011.
Bontemps, Arna W.	<i>Bubber Goes to Heaven</i> , Oxford University Press, 1998. [Ages 9-12]
Bontemps, Arna W. & Langston Hughes	<i>Popo &amp; Fifina</i> , Oxford University Press, 1932. Reissued 1993. Fiction
Boyd, Candy Dawson	<i>Breadsticks and Blessing Places</i> , Macmillan Children's Book Group, 1985. (Children's author. Plus any of her other works.)**
Bradby, Marie	<i>More Than Anything Else</i> , Orchard Books, 1996. Fiction [Ages 5-8]
Bray, Rosemary L.	<i>Martin Luther King</i> , Greenwillow Books, 1995. Biography

\*\*Out of print. Check at your local library.

Bridges, Ruby	<i>Through My Eyes</i> , Scholastic Press, 1999. Autobiography
Bryan, Ashley	<i>Beautiful Blackbird</i> , Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2003.
	<i>Ashley Bryan's ABC of African American Poetry</i> , Simon & Schuster, 1997. Poetry
	<i>Sing to the Sun</i> , HarperCollins Children's Books, 1992. Poetry (Children's author. Plus any of his other works. [Ages 4+])
	<i>Turtle Knows Your Name</i> , Macmillan Children's Book Group, 1989. Folklore
Burrowes, Adjoa J.	<i>Grandma's Purple Flowers</i> , Lee & Low Books, Inc. 2000.
Caines, Jeannette	<i>Just Us Women</i> , Harper & Row Publishers, 1982. Fiction [Ages 6-10]
Campbell, Bebe Moore	<i>Sometimes My Mommy Gets Angry</i> , G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2003.
Chocolate, Debbi	<i>On The Day I Was Born</i> , Scholastic, 1995. Fiction [Ages 5-9]
Clifton, Lucille	<i>Three Wishes</i> , Doubleday, 1992. Fiction (Children's author. Plus any of her other works which include poetry for secondary and adult.)
Coleman, Evelyn	<i>Born in Sin</i> , Atheneum Books, 2004.
	<i>To Be A Drum</i> , Albert Whitman & Co., 1998. Folktale [Ages 4-8]
	<i>White Socks Only</i> , Albert Whitman & Co., 1995. Fiction [Ages 8+]
Crews, Donald	<i>Cloudy Day, Sunny Day</i> , Harcourt Brace & Company, 1999.
Curtis Christopher Paul	<i>Bucking the Sarge</i> , Random House. 2004.
	<i>Bud, Not Buddy</i> , Delacorte Press, 1999.
	<i>The Watson Go To Birmingham—1963</i> , Bantam Doubleday Dell, 1995. Fiction [Ages 5+]
DeVeaux, Alexis	<i>An Enchanted Hair Tale</i> , Harper & Row Publishers, 1987.

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- [Ages 5-8]
- Draper, Sharon
- Copper Sun*, Atheneum Books, 2006. [Ages 14+]
- Romiette and Julio*, Simon & Schuster, 1999.
- Forged By Fire*, Atheneum Books, 1997. [Ages 12+]
- Ziggy and the Black Dinosaurs: Lost in the Tunnel of Time*, Just Us Books, Inc., 1996. Fiction [Ages 12+]
- Ziggy and the Black Dinosaurs*, Just Us Books, Inc., 1994. [Ages 12+]
- English, Karen
- Neeny Coming, Neeny Going*, Toll Communications, 1996.
- Farris, Christine King
- My Brother Martin: A Sister Remembers Growing Up: With the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*, Simon & Schuster, 2003.
- Feelings, Tom  
& Muriel Feelings
- Moja Means One: Swahili Counting Book*, Dial, 1987. Non-Fiction [Ages 4-8]
- Flake, Sharon G.
- The Skin I'm In*, Hyperion Books, 1998. [Ages 10+]
- Flournoy, Vanessa  
& Valerie Flournoy
- Celie and the Harvest Fiddler*, Tambourine Books, 1995. Fiction [Ages 8-10]
- Giovanni, Nikki
- The Genie In The Jar*, Henry Holt & Company, 1996. Poetry [Ages 3-7]
- The Sun Is So Quiet*, Henry Holt & Company, 1996. Poetry [Ages 5-9]
- GrandMothers Poems, Reminiscences, & Short Stories about the Keepers of Our Traditions*, Henry Holt & Company, 1996.
- Shimmy Shimmy Shimmy Like My Sister Kate: Looking at the Harlem Renaissance through Poems*, Henry Holt & Company, 1996.
- Spin a Soft Black Song*, Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 1987. Fiction [Ages 4-10]
- Giovanni, Nikki  
& Bryan Collier
- Rosa*, Henry Holt & Co., 2005.
- Greenfield, Eloise
- Paul Robeson*, Lee & Low Books, 2009. [Ages 1-6]

*The Friendly Four*, Amistad, 2006. Poetry [Ages 4-8]

*When the Horses Ride By*, Lee & Low Books, 2006. Poetry

*In the Land of Words: New and Selected Poems*,  
HarperCollins, 2004 [Ages 4-8]

*I Draw a Weeposaur and Other Dinosaurs*, Greenwillow  
Press, 2001 [Ages 4+]

*Angels*, Hyperion Books, 1998.

*Easter Parade*, Hyperion Books, 1998. Fiction

*Nathaniel Talking*, Writers & Readers Publishing, 1988.  
Poetry [Ages 7-12]

*Honey, I Love & Other Love Poems*, HarperCollins  
Children's Books, 1986. [Ages 6-10] (Plus any of her other  
works.)

Grimes, Nikki

*Danitra Brown Leaves Town*, HarperCollins, 2002.

*Stepping Out With Grandma Mae*, Orchard Books, 2001.

*Hopscotch Love: A Family Treasury of Love Poems*,  
Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Books, 1999. Poetry

*Come Sunday*, William B. Eerdmans Publishing, 1996.  
[Ages 5-8]

*From A Child's Heart*, Just Us Books, 1993. [Ages 3-5]

Hamilton, Virginia

*Bluish*, Scholastic, Inc., 1999.

*Zeely*, Macmillan Publishing, 1987. Fiction [Ages 8-14]

Hardrick, Jackie

*Imani in Never Say Goodbye*, Enlighten Publications, 2003.

*Imani in Young Love & Deception*, Enlighten Publications,  
1999.

Hartman, Bena

*September's Big Assignment*, Ferne Press, 2012.

*Jasmine Can: Creating Self-Confidence*, Ferne Press, 2011.

Holman, Sandy Lynne

*We All Have a Heritage*, The Cultural C.O.O.P., 2002.

*Grandpa, Is Everything Black Bad?*, The Cultural  
C.O.O.P., 2000.

- Hudson, Cheryl  
& Wade Hudson (eds.) *In Praise of Our Fathers and Our Mothers: A Black Family Treasury by Outstanding Authors and Artists*, Just Us Books, 1997.
- Hughes, Langston *The Dream Keeper and Other Poems*, Alfred Knopf. Inc., 1994.
- Humphrey, Margo *The River That Gave Gifts*, Children's Book Press, 1987. [Ages 5-8]
- Hunter, Kristin *The Soul Brothers and Sister Lou*, The Women's Press, 1997.
- Jewell, Sandra J. *Paula Peacock Discovers She is Unique*, RoseDog Books, 2005.
- Johnson, Angela *Looking for Red*, Simon Pulse, 2002.  
*The Wedding*, Orchard Books, 1999.  
*Toning the Sweep*, Scholastic, 1994. Fiction [Ages 12+]  
*When I Am Old With You*, Orchard Books, 1990. [Ages 4-8]
- Johnson, Dolores *What Kind Of Baby-Sitter Is This?*, Macmillan Publishing, 1991. [Ages 3-5]  
*What Will Mommy Do When I'm at School*, Macmillan Publishing, 1990. [Ages 3-5]
- Johnson-Feelings, Dianne (ed.) *The Best of the Brownies Book*, Oxford University Press, 1996. (Original stories from *The Brownies Book*, a 1920's magazine for African American children.)
- Lee, Spike  
& Tonya Lewis Lee *Please, Baby, Please*, Simon & Schuster, 2002.
- Leeper, Beverley Williams *Shayla & The Dream Factory*, Sterling Signatures, 2006.
- Lester, Julius *The Blues Singers: Ten Who Rocked The World*, Hyperion Books, 2001. [Ages 10+]  
*What A Truly Cool World*, Scholastic, 1999.  
*John Henry*, Dial Books for Young Readers, 1994. Folktale
- Mathis, Sharon Bell *Ray Charles*, Lee & Low Books, 2001.

McKissack, Patricia C.	<p><i>Porch Lies: Tales of Slicksters, Tricksters, and Other Wily Characters</i>, Schwartz &amp; Wade Books, 2006.</p> <p><i>Goin' Somewhere Special</i>, Atheneum Books, 2001.</p> <p><i>Color Me Dark: The Diary of Nellie Lee Love, the Great Migration North</i>, Scholastic, 2000.</p>
Medearis, Angela Shelf	<i>Poppa's New Pants</i> , Holiday House, 1995. (Plus any of her other works.)
Medina, Tony	<i>Love to Langston</i> , Lee & Low Books, 2002.
Mendez, Phil	<i>The Black Snowman</i> , Scholastic, 1989. [Ages 5-8]
Mitchell, Margaree King	<i>Uncle Jed's Barbershop</i> , Simon & Schuster, 1993.
Morrison, Toni	<p><i>Remember: The Journey to School Integration</i>, Houghton Mifflin, 2004.</p> <p><i>The Big Box</i>, Hyperion Books, 1999.</p>
Morrison, Toni & Slade Morrison	<i>Book of Mean People</i> , Disney Press, 2002. Fiction
Moses, Shelia	<p><i>The Return of Buddy Bush</i>, McElderry Books, 2006.</p> <p><i>The Legend of Buddy Bush</i>, McElderry Books, 2004.</p>
Myers, Christopher	<i>Black Cat</i> , Scholastic, 1999.
Myers, Walter Dean	<p><i>At Her Majesty's Request: An African Princess in Victorian England</i>, Scholastic, 1999. History</p> <p><i>Brown Angels: An Album of Pictures &amp; Verse</i>, HarperCollins Children's Books, 1993. (Plus any of his other works.)</p>
Pinkney, Andrea Davis	<p><i>Let It Shine: Stories of Black Women Freedom Fighters</i>, Harcourt, 2000.</p> <p><i>Duke Ellington, The Piano Prince and His Orchestra</i>, Hyperion Books, 1998. [Ages 5-9]</p> <p><i>Hold Fast to Dreams</i>, Morrow Junior Books, 1995. Fiction [Ages 10-12]</p>
Price, Hope Lynne	<i>These Hands</i> , Hyperion Books, 1999.

- Ringgold, Faith *My Dream of Martin Luther King*, Crown Publishing, 1995.
- Dinner at Aunt Connie's House*, Hyperion Books, 1993.
- Aunt Harriet's Underground Railroad in the Sky*, Crown Publishing, 1992. Children (Plus any of her other works.)
- Tar Beach*, Crown Publishing, 1991. [Ages 4-9]
- Rollins, Charlemae Hill (ed.) *Christmas Gift: An Anthology of Christmas Poems, Songs, & Stories, by and about African Americans*, William Morrow & Co., 1993.
- Rosales, Melodye Benson *Minnie Saves the Day*, Little, Brown & Company, 2000.
- Leola and the HoneyBears*, Scholastic, 1999.
- 'Twas the Night B'fore Christmas: An African-American Version*, Scholastic, 1996.
- Samuels, Allison *Christmas Soul: African American Holiday Stories*, Hyperion Books, 2001.
- Shange, Ntozake *Ellington Was Not A Street*, Simon & Schuster, 2004.
- Smalls, Irene *Don't Say Ain't*, Talewinds Books, 2003.
- Kevin and His Dad*, Little, Brown & Company, 1999.
- Irene Jennie & the Christmas Masquerade: The Johnkankus*, Little, Brown & Company, 1996. (Plus any of her other works.)
- Ebony Seas*, Longmeadow Press, 1995.
- St. James, Synthia *The Gifts of Kwanzaa*, Albert Whitman & Co., 1994.
- Step toe, James *In Daddy's Arms I Am Tall: African Americans Celebrating Fathers*, Lee & Low Books, 1997.
- Step toe, John *Stevie*, HarperCollins, 1986. [Ages 4-9]
- Tarpley, Natasha *I Love My Hair!*, Little, Brown & Company, 1998. [Ages 3-8]
- Taylor, Mildred D. *The Well: David's Story*, Dial Publishers, 1995. [Ages 8-12] (Plus any of her other works.)
- Thomas, Joyce Carol *The Angel's Lullaby*, Hyperion Books, 2000. [Ages 1-3]

- Brown Honey in Broomwheat Tea*, HarperCollins Children's Books, 1993. Poetry
- Turner, Glennette Tilley *Fort Mose: And the Story of the Man Who Built the First Free Black Settlement in Colonial America*, Harry N. Abrams, Inc. 2010. [Ages 4-8].
- An Apple for Harriet Tubman*, Albert Whitman & Company, 2006. [Ages 7-9].
- Follow in Their Footsteps: Biographies of Ten Outstanding African Americans*, Cobblehill Books, 1997. Biography and Dramatic Skits
- Walter, Mildred Pitts *Second Daughter: The Story of a Slave Girl*, Scholastic, 1996. Fiction [Ages 12+]
- Walton, Darwin McBeth *Dance, Kayla*, Albert Whitman & Company, 1998. [Ages 9+]
- Williams-Garcia, Rita *Like Sisters on the Homefront*, Puffin Books, 1995. [Young Adult] (Plus any of her other works.)
- Woodson, Jacqueline *Show Way*, G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2005. [Ages 5+]
- The Other Side*, G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2001.
- Sweet, Sweet Memory*, Hyperion Books, 2000. [Ages 5-9]
- Lena*, Random House, 1999. Fiction [Young Adult]
- Wyeth, Sharon Dennis *A Piece of Heaven*, Random House, 2001.
- Something Beautiful*, Bantam Doubleday Dell, 1998.
- Yarbrough, Camille *The Little Tree Growin' in the Shade*, Putnam Publishing, 1996. Fiction [Ages 7-10]
- Cornrows*, Putnam Publishing, 1992. Fiction.



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